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Delaying a Settlement of Ore Business.

The ore dealers who were to have met in Cleveland on Tuesday last, and who were quite certain that the leading interests had concluded arrangements that would admit of a pool of all the mines, again postponed their meeting for a week, with the announcement that there was no great hurry about making prices for 1897 and that the interests of everybody conerned would probably be best served by delay. It is understood that no difference of great importance have come up, and that there is every assurance now, as there was ten days ago, of the association being continued, but the condition of the iron industry does not warrant any haste in preparations for the business of the coming year. It is probable, therefore, that on account of the detail work that must follow a general meeting of the ore dealers, no attempt will be made to open up negotiations for the sale of the ore until probably the middle of next month.

In the meantime there is a disposition among vessel owners to go slow in preparations for the opening of navigation. At this time a year ago the engineers, who are put to work three weeks or a month in advance of the opening, were engaged on a large number of vessels in the Chicago fleet, but as yet there is nothing of this kind being done. Even the ore companies that have their own boats have not ordered engineers to work, but it is probable that such orders will be issued in a few cases next week.

Important Move in the Grain Trade.

Although little has been said about Armour & Co. of Chicago being interested in the big steel elevator, for the construction of which contracts have been let in Buffalo, it is absolutely certain that the Armour interest is to control the elevator, and it will be independent of and entirely in opposition to the Buffalo pool. The Chicago elevator people are thoroughly aroused over the diversion of grain traffic to southern routes and southern exporting ports, and the construction of this big elevator at Buffalo is the most important move that has been made in the grain trade of the lakes for a great many years past. The principal elevator interests in Chicago are Armour & Co., Counselman & Co. and an Eglish syndicate, represented by P. B. Weare, which controls a dozen or more large houses. These big concerns own or control practically all of the country elevators throughout the vast territory that sends grain to Chicago: In their fight against the diversion of trade to the south and southeast, as against the central lake route from Chcaigo to Buffalo and thence by rail or canal to New York, they have had to contend with high transfer charges at Buffalo. Now it is plain that as they own the country elevators and control the business in Chicago their advantage in the competition aganist southern routes is to be found in having their own elevators also at Buffalo. Their interest is in a through business from the grain fields to the seaboard and from the nature of things they will be opposed to the Buffalo pool. Some interesting developments in the business of handling grain at Buffalo may, therefore, be expected with the completion of the new steel elevator at that point. It is being built on property that has been in possession of the Northern Steamship Co. for a year past, but it is quite certain that the interest of the steamship company, or Mr. J. J. Hill, in the enterprise is not as important as that of the Chicago people. About 7,000 tons of steel for which orders have been placed at Pittsburg, will be used in the new elevator and it will cost about \$400,000.

How Steel Rails Will Help the Ore Business.

Assuming that the purchase of steel rails following the February break in the pool reached an aggregate of 1,000,000 tons, some one at Duluth, said to be a railway manager, has figured that these purchases alone will result in the consumption of 2,184,566 tons of ore, or about one-fourth of last year's production in the entire Lake Superior region. Here are the railway man's figures:

"Not many of us stop to think," he says, "just what is involved in the sale of 1,000,000 tons of rails or how much money it will put

in circulation. One million tons of steel rails, at an average price of \$19 per ton, is \$19,000,000, and if the average weight per yard is say seventy-five pounds, it will lay 8,474 miles of track, and while most of it will be used to replace tracks now in use, but badly worn, it is safe to say, that while some of the old spikes will be used again, about one third new spikes will be needed, which means that 6,704 tons of spikes must be bought for about \$231,344. It will require 5,965,696 angle bars, weighing about 53,691 tons, and costing not less than \$1,730,051; 11,931,392 track bolts, weighing 5,965 tons, and costing about \$214,740; at least one new frog to each ten miles of track, say 847 frogs, weighing 567 tons, and worth about \$16,940. About onefourth of this metal will be laid with tie plates, requiring 12,678,000 plates, weighing about 25,356 tons and costing about \$760,680. The average distance from the rail mills to the roads upon which it is to be used will perhaps be 300 miles, upon which a freight charge of about 1 cent per ton per mile must be paid—\$3,276,849. Probably half of it will be transferred en route from cars to boat or boat to cars, at a labor cost of about 20 cents per ton-\$109,228. It is fair to assume that 500 miles of this rail will be used for new road, which will probably cost, to grade, tie and ballast, \$10,000 per mile, \$5,000,-000, and to lay the remaining 7,974 miles and pick up the old metal will cost at least \$200 per mile, or \$1,594,800, and probably twice that amount, for no railroad company will lay new metal on poor ties or insufficient ballast, and therefore many new ties and much new ballast must be provided, which will add considerably to the cost.

"So the sale of the 1,000,000 tons of rails, with necessary fastenings, is really a sale of 1,092,283 tons of metal, and as it takes about two tons of iron ore to make a ton of rail, it means that the much abused railroads have in this purchase of rails alone provided for a consumption of 2,184,566 tons of ore, which is equal to more than three-quarters of the total output of the Mesabi range during the season of 1896, and have taken the first and by far the most important step toward the expenditure of \$31,934,632 during the next fifteen or sixteen months, for they are not buying material to pile it up in their store houses and yards, where it simply represents so much idle capital, but to use it about as fast as the mills will be able to furnish it."

Ship Yard Matters.

It is not surprising that the Globe Iron Works Co. of Cleveland was the only ship building concern to submit a bid on the two new revenue cutters, for which proposals were opened in Washington on Monday last. Ship builders on the lakes now understand quite fully the exacting demands of the government in work of this kind, and they understand also that the Globe company lost a large sum of money on the revenue cutter Gresham, which they completed last fall, and in connection with the construction of which a bill of relief, entirely justifiable, is now pending in congress. Then, too, the Globe company on account of having built the Gresham, which is in nearly all respects similar to the new boats, was in a position to give the government two more ships at prices lower than could be made on work that was entirely new. Still the bid of the Cleveland concern is \$198,000 each for the new vessels, which is only \$2,000 less than the appropriation of \$200,000 each for the vessels. But the builders through Assistant Secretary Ireland, who visited Washington, have suggested modifications of the plans that will admit of about \$6,200, instead of \$2,000 being allowed in each case for the expense of plans, supervision of construction, etc.

Vessel owners who have visited Milwaukee recenty say that the Milwaukee Dry Dock Co. will be well equipped for repairs of steel vessels shortly after the opening of navigation. The new repair plant which is well under way, will be modern in every particular. A large amount of money has been spent in machinery, all of which will soon be on the ground.

Burger & Burger of Manitowoc are building a fishing tug 50 feet long, with 12 feet beam and 6 feet hold, for Gunderson Bros. of Sheboygan.

Collapse of a Pair of Corrugated Furnaces.

The illustrations on this page represent an accident that recently occurred to one of the four marine poilers of whaleback steamer City of Everett on the Pacific coast. They are reproduced from the Locomotive, and they show the wonderful amount of deformation that a well made corrugated furnace can undergo without leading to a disastrous explosion. They also convey the lesson that unnecessary complications in valves and piping should be carefully avoided, since they are almost sure to result in trouble some time or other.

The Everett is the only vessel of the whaleback type built on the Pacific coast. She was designed by Capt. Alex. McDougall, and was placed in commission in 1894. Her dimensions are 346 feet length, 42 feet 8 inches breadth, and 13 feet 7 inches depth. She has four compound marine boilers, each 132 inches in diameter and 11 feet long. The shells are of steel, 0.938 inch thick, and of 60,000 pounds tensile strength, and the pressure allowed by the government inspectors is 168 pounds per square inch. Each of the four boilers has two corrugated steel furnaces, 40 inches in diameter and 8 feet 6 inches long. The furnace shown in Fig. 1 is from the forward starboard boiler, both furnaces of which were burned and bulged down by blowing the

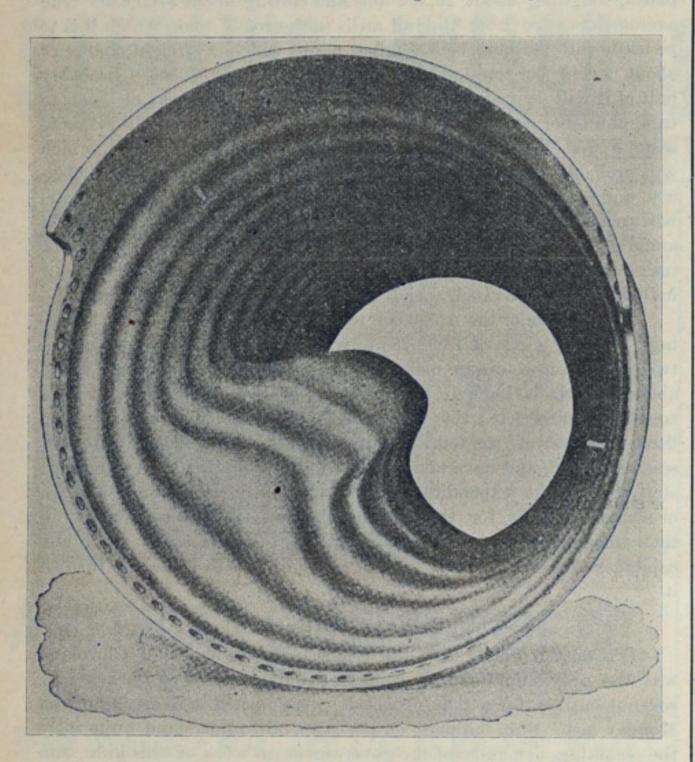


FIG. 1.—BULGED FURNACE.

water out of the boiler while there was a fire in each of them. The blow off pipes from the four boilers are connected into cross, or thwartship, blow pipes, which pass over the tops of the boilers as shown in Fig. 2, and are provided with valves on the port and starboard sides of the vessel. It was this arrangement of the blow pipes that led to the accident under discussion.

It appears that some time after putting out from Victoria, B. C., for San Diego, Cal., with a cargo of coal the engineer in charge ordered the water tender, or fireman, to blow down 3 or 4 inches of water from the forward starboard boiler. In carrying out this order the fireman opened the valve on the front head of the starboard boiler, and also the outboard blow valve on the starboard side. (This will be understood by reference to Fig. 2.) After blowing down as far as desired, the top outward valve was closed. This, of course, stopped the blowing at once, but when the man came down from the ladder he forgot to shut the lower valve, on the head of the boiler. When the steamer reached Port Townsend, one of the breeching bolts on the forward port boiler was found to be leaking, and the chief engineer therefore ordered the pressure to be lowered on that boiler, and that water blown out so that the bolt could be renewed. He also gave orders to wash out the two after boilers, and carry steam only on the forward starboard boiler (the one on the right in Fig. 2.) As the

Everett was to lie at the dock over night, a slow fire was kept under this boiler, the fires under the other three being hauled. When the steam pressure on the three cooling boilers had been reduced to about 20 pounds, orders were given to open the blow off valves attached to them and blown down. This was done, the blow off valve on the front head of the starboard boiler being open all this time although it was supposed to be shut.

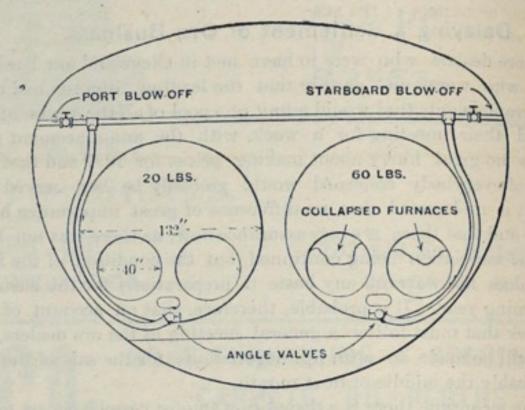


FIG. 2.—CROSS SECTION SHOWING ARRANGEMENT OF BLOW PIPES.

The result hardly needs to be told. The boilers from which the fires had been drawn were under only twenty pounds of steam, while the forward starboard boiler, with a fire in each furnace, was carrying 60 pounds, so that it emptied itself much more rapidly than any of the others. After some little time, one of the firemen opened one of the doors of the forward starboard boiler, and found the furnace red hot and bulged down as shown in the engraving. Upon investigation he found the other furnace in this boiler in the same condition. The fives were at once hauled out, and upon examination it was found that the furnaces were down 21 inches, the corrugation being pulled out so that at the bottom of the bulges the furnace was almost smooth but no signs of fracture could be discovered. If these furnaces had been poorly made, or if they had been constructed of a material deficient in ductility, it is almost certain that a disastrous explosion would have followed the rough usage to which they were subjected, and this fact ought to satisfy any one of the paramount importance in boiler construction of having good material and good workmanship. The folly of giving a fireman too many things to remember will also be apparent, for if each boiler had been provided with its own separate blow pipe, discharging directly into the sea without any connection with the other boilers, this accident could not have happened.

Waverly Salvage Case.

In September, 1893, the freight steamer Waverly, bound from Chicago to Buffalo, having two schooners in tow, and 47,000 bushels corn as her own cargo, became disabled on Lake Michigan, by reason of a break in her machinery. The schooners proceeded under sail. The steamer blew signals of distress, and the Charlevoix, bound from Northport to Chicago, with passengers and cargo of general merchandise and fruit, came to her assistance. The matter of compensation was left to the owners for settlement. The condition of the weather was not such as to place the Waverly in imminent peril from that source, but there was sufficient sea to require care and skill, and involve some extent of risk to the Charlevoix in maneuvering to take the line and also in towing the disabled vessel, the wind having increased. The Waverly and cargo were valued, by stipulation, at \$67,000, and the Charlevoix and cargo at \$75,000. Judge Seaman of the United States district court, Milwaukee, decided that the service was voluntary, but prompt and efficient; it was more than mere towage, but only a minor order of salvage. A tender of \$500 had been refused. The court allowed \$1,500, saying "the purpose of the rule of salvage, which grants compensation in the nature of a reward, would not be fulfilled by narrowing the allowance so closely to the rate of mere towage," and that the amount awarded would be just under the circumstance shown.

The season of painting is at hand and the Joseph Dixon Crucible Co. of Jersey City, N. J., asks everybody who is intending to purchase paint to write for circulars and other information regarding Dixon's silica graphite paint.

A Lake Naval Reserve.

Although the federal government has for some time past shown a disposition to favor naval reserve organizations throughout the country, it is unfortunate that on the lakes especially there has been a lack of interest in the movement among vessel owners and marine men generally, who might be expected to take a leading part in the formation of the different state organizations. Illinois and Michigan have taken advantage of the assistance that has been offered to them by the general government, and the cities of Chicago and Detroit now have a naval militia of fair proportions, but the movement in Ohio has been slow of development, and in the other lake states practically nothing has been done. In Cleveland a few earnest workers have succeeded in forming a division of the Ohio organization, and with a view to assisting their efforts, as well as the efforts of promoters of this movement in other lake states, it may be well to direct the attention of shipping interests to the objects and expectations of the naval reserve institution as a whole.

The United States is the only civilized country on the globe that has not some established system for replenishing its stock of maritime defenders. The popular voice has everywhere approved of measures taken in recent years to place our naval establishment upon a footing equal to that of other maritime powers. But we must have a reserve force from which to man our ships, and more particularly a naval sentiment that will make a rapid and sudden increase of the regular force possible. Each international episode and every domestic evil emphasizes this fact. We have a sea coast of about 10,000 miles, with only a regular naval force of 8,000 men, a great many of whom are foreign born, while such a foreign power as Great Britain, for instance, with all her regular naval force and navy, has a naval reserve amounting in all to 126,000 men. France has 160,000 men. Naval reserves in other European nations are not as large as those of France and England, but they all have a system of replenishing their navies with men in time of need. It is well known, of course, that although we are turning out naval vessels that are equal to the best in the world, it is an impossibility at the present time to get enough American seamen to man them. With this condition in view, the federal government has encouraged the organization of naval reserves in the different states, and on the Atlantic coast, especially in the states of Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island and Connecticut there are organizations well equipped and of large membership. In North Carolina, Texas, California, Pennsylvania, Washington, Delaware, Oregon and Mississippi the naval reserve movement has also found many earnest supporters. But nowhere probably will these organizations be of greater benefit than on the lakes where the extent of coast line and the value of interests involved are fully equal to those of the Atlantic and Gulf states.

During the last session of the Ohio legislature a law was passed providing for the organization of two battallions of a state naval reserve. One battallion has already been organized, uniformed and equipped, and is now in service in Toledo. The second battallion has been alloted to Cleveland, and the first division of this battalion has been mustered into service and the men are now drilling and waiting for their equipment. A second division is ready to be mustered in as soon as the officers of the present division see that the aid and assistance which they expect will warrant it. The division already in service numbers about seventy-five men. There are, of course, a large number of the men who are not sailors, but all are enthusiastic and willing to learn. Many of them own or are interested in yachts or other small boats, and their experience in this regard will be of some advantage to them. Officers of the division are D. H. Pond, lieutenant; Geo. H. Gibson, lieutenant junior grade, and N. J. Shupe, ensign. They have just received their commissions and are now drilling the men at the Gatling Gun Armory, where they will hold their drills until permanent quarters can be secured afloat. When the second division is organized and mustered into service it will form a full ship's crew which will be commanded by a lieutenant commander, and a staff. It is hoped that some practical vessel man of prominence can be induced to accept this position. The government has made an appropriation this year of \$50,000 for the naval reserve but this is not received in money. It is given to the reserve in arms and equipment. This year it will amount to about \$10 or \$12 per man, which will be sufficient to provide for rifles and cutlasses. From year to year as the appropriations are made and grow larger the men will be supplied with arms of all kinds used in the regular

navy, in which they will be drilled, and the strictest discipline followed.

One of the promoters of the Cleveland division says in a discussion of its plans: "We do not propose to make our organization a show organization but rather an organization for work. We expect to be of immediate assistance to vessel owners and the shipping interests, as we will be subject to call in time of riot or serious labor difficulties. It is our intention to secure, as soon as possible, a suitable boat, to be used for permanent headquarters, and in which also the men could be readily moved if required to points like Lorain, Fairport and Ashtabula. Unfortunately the state legislature, on account of opposition from representatives of the interior counties, who have no interest in lake commerce, made no appropriation for the reserve. But in order to take advantage of last year's government appropriation for equipment we were forced to hurry our organization, and depend upon assistance from those whom we are to serve in securing uniforms and a training vessel. The men have themselves contributed for their working uniform, which will consist of a white canvas suit, but they must be provided later with the full United States seaman's outfit. The vessel should be a three-masted schooner, as nearly square rigged as practicable, and it is the intention to anchor it within the breakwater enclosure. It is hoped that these facts placed before the shipping interests will cause vessel owners and others to come forward with the aid and support that such an organization deserves."

Liability of Brokers.

A case just dismissed in Cleveland by Associate Justice John W. Harlan of the supreme court of the United States, will prove especially interesting to vessel brokers. It is that of Crerar, Clinch & Co. of Chicago against Moore, Bartow & Gilchrist, vessel brokers of Cleveland, growing out of an alleged breach of contract for the transportation of ore. The hearing was before Circuit Judge Ricks of the northern district of Ohio, who, being obliged on account of ill health to take an extended vacation, requested Justice Harlan to dispose of the case. Among other things, the plaintiffs claimed that Moore, Bartow & Gilchrist, after chartering the steamer Elphicke for a cargo of ore at 40 cents, ordered her to take another cargo from Escanaba, agreeing to furnish another vessel of equal capacity for the cargo intended for the Elphicke at the same rate; that they failed and neglected to do this and the plaintiffs were themselves obliged to go into the market and secure tonnage for the cargo. This they did on or about Oct. 24, 1895 (the Elphicke's charter was made about May 1), at a rate calling for \$2,112.50 in excess of the cost of the first charter. The plaintiffs sought to hold the defendants to the liabilities of owner, treating their promise to furnish other tonnage as an original obligation to carry. The defense was made that Moore, Bartow & Gilchrist were brokers; that this was known to plaintiffs, who dealt with them as such; that the failure of the Elphicke to carry was not due to any fault of theirs, and as to furnishing other tonnage, their promise to furnish at a certain rate only bound them to a proper endeavor to do so, and having been duly diligent in that regard, they were not to be held. The case involved several other questions of fact, but was dismissed in defendants' favor on the finding that defendants were brokers; that plaintiffs knew this, and that as brokers defendants had not failed in the performance of any duty resting upon them as such.

An excellent chart of Green bay and approaches, on a large scale, has just been published by the United States Hydrographic office and may be had from the Marine Review. The chart is corrected to March 1, 1897, and takes in with Green bay the west shore of Lake Michigan from Manistique to the Kewaunee. It will be of great value to masters of Lake Michigan trading vessels, as well as the larger ore and coal carriers trading to Escanaba. Soundings are in feet and there is a scale of statute miles attached. The price is \$1.25, but the chart is so complete in detail that it is larger that the single sheet charts of Lake Superior or Lake Michigan.

Ex-Representative J. M. Farquhar of Buffalo is one of several prominent Republicans who are anxious to succeed Mr. E. T. Chamberlain as commissioner of navigation. Major Farquhar was the first chairman of the committee on merchant marine and fisheries of the house, and was the author of the bill which provided for a commissioner of navigation.

Around the Lakes.

On the opening of navigation the fixed white lens-lantern light, about 1,000 feet south of the front light of the Maumee bay range lights, Toledo, will be discontinued.

The steamer W. R. Stafford, with the schooners Ed McWilliams and John A. Francombe, have been chartered by the Tonawanda Iron & Steel Co. for the coming season.

The Marquette Towing Company announces to its patrons and friends that they will have the tugs Edward Gillen and Calumet stationed at Marquette during the season of 1897.

Capt. Andrew Robertson, a well known lake captain and father of Morgan Robertson, the writer of nautical stories, died Tuesday at Oswego, N.Y., after a prolonged illness. He was eighty years old.

The fight of the Detroit & Cleveland and the Grummond lines for business between Detroit and Cleveland has finally resulted in the D. & C. Co. reducing its rate on freight of all classes to the nominal figure of 1 cent per 100 pounds.

Geo. C. Williams has been appointed to succeed the late Hugh McMillan in charge of the Western Transit Co.'s business at Chicago. Mr. Williams has been connected with the company for a number of years. He is a son of Capt. Frank Williams of Butfalo.

It is understood that Mr. John Gordon, who has just chartered the steel steamer John. W Moore for package freight business next season, will also have three or four other vessels under charter, as a result of advantageous arrangements which he has made for railway connections at Lake Erie ports.

Another steamboat fuel dock, equipped with pockets and chutes, as well as McMyler rotary derricks, will be in operation on the Sault river next season. Officers of the Inter-Ocean Coal & Coke Co. of Cleveland have given up interest in the Detour dock, with which they were connected last season, and have acquired the lease of bout 490 feet of dockage at the Sault, just below the canal. Improvements in the new property will involve an expenditure of several thousand dollars.

Officers of the D. & C. Co.'s steamers report that the wreck of the steamer Grand Traverse, which was sunk in Lake Erie in collision with the steamer Livingston last season, is now nearly due north of Colchester, and right in the course of vessels bound to and from the Detroit river. The ice has carried away the vessels spars and the obstruction is therefore more dangerous than ever. It is probable that the Canadian government will take steps to remove the vessel.

Major Clinton B. Sears, United States engineer at Duluth, opened proposals, Monday, for a pier extension at Grand Marais, Minn. The proposed expenditure is about \$14,000. A. & D. Lang of Duluth were the lowest bidders. Other bidders were Joseph A. Beauvais, and Estow & Munroe of Charlevoix, Mich., Heldmaier & New of Chicago, Green & Anderson of Green Bay, Alex. McCurdy of Duutlh, Wm. McCurdy of Houghton, Mich., A. J. Dupuis & Wm. M. Blay of Detroit, Lippett & Gregg of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Powell & Mitchell of Marquette, Mich., and Geo. Cooper of Manitowoc, Wis.

H. C. Burrell of Lorain, who has for some time past been engaged in preparations to begin a marine reporting business at Detroit, has completed his plans and will have men on the river at the foot of Woodward avenue at the opening of navigation. He has secured quarters in the Brady building on the west side of the Woodward avenue river front where the Belle Isle ferries land. He promises a first-class service for the full season, whether a profit is to be had at the work or not. One advantage with which he begins work is a contract from the Lake Marine News Association to furnish news and vessel passages to all of the daily newspapers on the lakes.

There are a number of ways in which Wells lights are used on the lakes. They have proved valuable in straightening bent plates in the bottom of steel vessels when in dock for repairs. The plates are heated and straightened without being removed from the vessel. The lights have been used on the decks of vessels while unloading and for use on docks they give perfect satisfaction. The following letter is from the Erie Coal Transfer Co., Cleveland: "We used two of the Wells lights last season on our coal loading dock in Cleveland, and they furnished sufficient light in all kinds of weather for the loading of vessels. We can recommend them for this use." Full particulars and prices may be obtained from the Wells Light Mnfg. Co., 46 Washington street, New York.

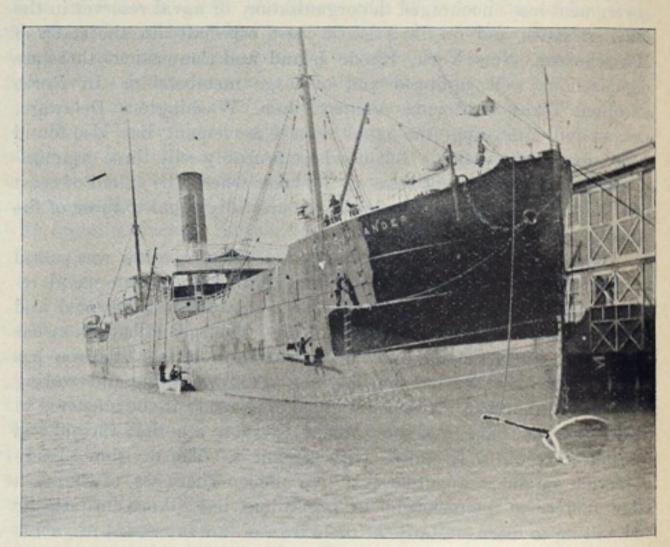
A Candidate for the Commissionership.

Frank A. Flower, who has for years been an officer or leading delegate to every deep waterway convention held in this country, is understood to be a candidate for the office of commissioner of navigation. Mr. Flower is certainly peculiarly fitted for this office. He is thoroughly posted in everything pertaining to the shipping interests of the country and especially internal commerce. He will find a great many supporters among business men in the northwest, who are enthusiasts on the subject of cheap water transportation from the head of the lakes to the Atlantic seaboard. Although his candidacy has not been publicly announced, the Review is in receipt of two or three letters asking that support be given to him. One of these correspondents says:

"The commissionership is not much of an office but its duties and possibilities are in line with the work Mr. Flower has been doing at private expense for years. His knowledge of all the details connected with such problems as the big river and harbor improvements, the question of lake levels, impounding of lake waters, Chicago canal and many other subjects that have an important bearing on water transportation would certainly result in bringing these matters more fully to the attention of congress. Why is it not time, anyhow, that the lake carriers and the lake ship builders should have in that office for once some one who is in sympathy with their interests; who tries to understand and promote their welfare; who will meet and keep in touch with them; who is not carried away with the free-ship notion: who has no artificial load-line fads; who will help watch congressional action and actively promote that which is calculated to benefit water transportation and water interests? Mr. Flower is capable of marking out and carrying into effect in this office a plan of work that will be of living interest and real benefit to the great enterprises involved and to the people generally."

A Tramp Steamer.

The illustration shows the Knight Commander an English tramp steamer at a warehouse dock in Newport News, Va., taking on a cargo of general merchandise, and receiving a coat of paint. This vessel



carries about 5,000 tons and burns thirty-four tons of coal per day, so that her fuel consumption is about equal to some of the larger class of lake steamers. When in Newport News she carried a coolie crew, and it was noted that two coolies are required to one Englishman. The photograph was made by two modest lake captains who visited several coast ports during the winter. As they are not seeking honors as amateur photographers, their names are not given, but it may be noted that one of them sailed the Sauber last season and goes into the Bessemer fleet this season, and the other sails the Nicholas.

A chart of the whole of Georgian bay, the best thing of its kind as yet published, has recently been issued by the British admiralty, and may be had from the Marine Review, No. 409 Perry-Payne building. Another chart, of a very clear and interesting kind, taking in Lake Huron, Georgian bay, Lake Erie and connecting channels, has also been issued recently by the same authority.

Appointments of Captains and Engineers.

Loutit, W. H., Grand Haven, Mich.: Steamer—Pentland, Capt. Thos. McCambridge, Engineer C. Ball.

Buckley, Edward, Manistee, Mich.: Steamer—Edward Buckley, Capt. Chas. Gneuwuch, Engineer Richard Winkler.

McMorran, Henry, Port Huron, Mich.: Steamer-Mary Groh, Capt. Chas. Diefenbach, Engineer DeWitt Stevens.

McCormick, H. W., Bay City, Mich.: Steamer-Katahdin, Capt. John Sterling, Engineer — -. Schooner-Oneonta, Capt. M. J. Shean.

Botsford, Wm. F., Port Huron, Mich.: Steamers—Colorado, Capt. Jno. McLean, Engineer Thos. Birch; Osceola, Capt, Jno. McLeod, Engineer Thos. Morrill.

Jenkins, John, Marine City, Mich.: Steamer—W. H. Sawyer, Capt. John Jenkins, Engineer Nelson Goulette. Schooners—C. E. Redfern, Capt. Wyman Powers; A. C. Tuxbury, Capt. John Jones.

Curtis & Brainard, Toledo, O.: Steamers—Cherokee, Capt. W. A. Ashley; Mohegan, Capt. Wm. Hagan: Miami, Capt. J. A. Ward. Schooners—Chippewa, Capt. John Davidson; Mingoe, Capt. A. Snelgrove.

Marine Transit Co., Marine City, Mich.: Steamers—Aztec, Capt. J. W. Baby, Engineer Amos Horton; Toltec, Capt. Jas. Taylor, Engineer C. G. Pierce. Schooners—Zapotec, Capt. Peter Thompson; Miztec, Capt. H. S. Skackett.

Canadian Pacific Steamship Co., Owen Sound, Ont.: Steamers—Manitoba, Capt. E. B. Anderson, Engineer Robt. Kenny; Athabasca, Capt. Geo. McDougall, Engineer Wm. Lockerbie, Alberta, Capt. Jas. McAllister, Engineer A. Cameron.

Hope, Transportation Co., John A. Francombe, Manager, Detroit: Steamer—W. R. Stafford, Capt. Eugene Rathburn, Engineer J. A Francombe. Schooners—Ed. McWilliams, Capt. George Johnson; John A. Francombe, Capt. Andrew Christenson.

Wallace, David, Lorain, O.: Steamers—Vega, Capt. W. H. Wallace, Engineer A. N. McDonald; Vulcan, Capt. A. Oldorf, Engineer John Mc-Monagle; Robt. Wallace, Capt. J. Smith, Engineer Chas. McPhail. Schooner—David Wallace, Capt. T. Ingram.

McBrier, James, Erie, Pa.: Steamers—Fedora, Capt. F. A. Fick, Engineer John Stephens; Nyanza, Capt. W. W. Wilkins, Engineer J. R. Blanchett; Uganda, Capt. C. H. Wilson, Engineer Chas. R. Ogg; Sarona, Capt. D. S. MacDonald, Engineer William Meade.

Saginaw (Mich.) Vessels: Steamers—E. F. Gould, Capt. Chas. Van Norman, Engineer Amandus G. Moll; J. E. Thew, Capt. John Gerry, Engineer Joseph Huber; W. Browne, Capt. J. W. Jones, Engineer Wm. Spaulding; Chas. H. Davis, Capt. E. W. Haskin, Engineer Joseph D. Budd.

Parker & Millen, Detroit: Steamer—City of Toledo, Capt. George King, Engineer Daniel Harkins; Greyhound, Capt. Bert Baker, Engineer Robert Meddler; B. W. Blanchard, Capt. Thomas Meikleham, Engineer John Bloome; Favorite, Capt. P. L. Millen, Engineer Geo. L. Simmons. Appointments for tugs not complete.

Moore, John W., Cleveland, O.: Steamers—J. W. Moore, Capt. Richard Neville, Engineer Levi Walder; Siberia, Capt. R. C. Pringle, Engineer Michael Hughes; Marquette, Capt. E. D. Chilson, Engineer F. O. Burrows; Colonial, Capt. J. H. Stover, Engineer Geo. Masters; Lousiana, Capt. Truman Moore, Engineer Elmer Ennis.

Parker, A. A., Detroit: Steamers—A. A. Parker, Capt. J. T. Hutton, Engineer James Falconer; John Oades, Capt. Timese Lemay, Engineer Charles Scott; John Pridgeon, Jr., Capt. D. N. Sherwood, Engineer John Morgan. Schooners—B. W. Parker, Capt. Edward Lohr; Red Wing, Capt. John Anderson; San Diego, Capt. John Mason; Saveland, Capt. Henry Morey.

Millen, Jas. W., Detroit: Steamers—Iron King, Capt. Wm. F. Millen, Engineer John Hegemer; Iron Chief, Capt. W. A. Irvine, Engineer August Cobo; Iron Duke, Capt. N. L. Miner, Engineer Christ Howard; Iron Age, Capt. A. J. Mahon, Engineer John Phelan. Schooners—Iron Queen, Capt. Wells Bamford; Iron Cliff, Capt. Thos. Fitzsimmons; Iron State, Capt. W. W. Carter; Iron City, Capt. John Hurley.

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Union Transit Co., Henry C. French, Manager, Buffalo: Steamers— J. V. Moran, Capt. D. O. Bordeaux, Engineer J. H. Countryman; John M. Nicol, Capt. William McLean; Engineer G. E. Tretchway; W. H. Stevens, Capt. John H. Malloy, Engineer J. E. McSweenie; Ward, Capt. M. G. McIntosh, Engineer, J. R. Rudge; James Fisk, Jr., Capt. John L. McIntosh, Engineer F. F. Sherwood; Portage, Capt. S. E. Chatterton, Engineer George Haig.

Inter-Ocean Transportation Co., David Vance & Co., Managers, Milwaukee: Steamers—Maryland, Capt. J. E. Yax, Engineer M. Conley; Manchester, Capt. T. Kelley, Engineer Jas. Grant; Manhattan, Capt. H. F. Loftus, Engineer W. R. Patterson; Merrimac, Capt. Matt Smith, Engineer Louis Allison; Massachusetts, Capt. Peter Anderson, Engineer Wm. Ahem; Minnesota, Capt. Berlin Sniffin, Engineer Wm. Pinkham, Schooner—Metacomet—Capt. Warren Shields.

Minch and Nicholas transportation companies, Cleveland: Steamers—I. W. Nicholas, Capt. Wm. Gerlach, Engineer William Miller; Onoko, Capt. W. H. Johnson, Engineer A. G. Boland; Philip Minch, Capt. William Young, Engineer Andrew Nelson; H. A. Tuttle, Capt. Cornelius Young, Engineer Wm. E. Donovan; John N. Glidden, Capt. Joseph Lampoh, Engineer William Lawrence. Schooners—Aberdeen, Capt. Frank Coles; Dundee, Capt. Horace Fisher; Sophia Minch, Capt. Anthony Loland; G. H. Warmington, Capt. Patrick Young.

A New Feature in Trade Paper Advertising.

An advertisement in this issue of the Review from one of the largest steamship lines on the lakes, asking manufacturers and whole-sale dealers for catalogues, prices and discounts, will no doubt attract considerable attention. It is probably the first advertisement of the kind ever published, but it would seem that the method which it suggests will be followed by other concerns. This advertisement shows, contrary to what some people might expect, that the policy of some of the largest corporations is to give consideration at all times to all business propositions submitted to them, no matter how humble the source, but provided, of course, that such propositions are in business form.

Not long ago a large company operating lake ships was about to purchase considerable machinery. They took the Review and mailed specifications to all concerns advertising machinery of the kind which they were about to purchase. A machinery concern located in the same city as the purchasers, only a few blocks apart, were not asked for a bid. They did not advertise and they were overlooked.

In addition to three new advertisements in this issue, three inquiries were received within a half hour, Wednesday, for space in the Review, one by telephone for a half page for a year, one by telegraph for a price on a third, half or full page for six months, and another for a half page one issue. The Review has at present four pages more advertising than any other marine paper, and at the present rate will soon have to increase its size. New advertising always indicates general business improvement.

A Fast Steam Yacht,

The fast steel steam yacht Marietta, which will soon be launched by the Erie Basin Dry Dock Co. of Brooklyn, N. Y., for Harrison B. Moore, will be one of the finest vessels of her kind afloat and is expected to attain a speed, with forced draft on the enclosed fire-room system, of 23 miles an hour. The Review is indebted to the Roberts Safety Water Tube Boiler Co. for a description of this vessel. Her length over all will be 172.5 feet; beam, moulded, 18 feet; depth, amidships, 10 feet; displacement, 125 tons at a draught of 5 feet 7.5 inches. There will be one short deck house forward, two hollow masts for steadying sails and one smoke pipe. The engine is of the four cylinder, triple expansion type and is building by Mr. J. W. Sullivan, New York. The cylinders wlli be 14, 21.5 and (2) 25 inches in diameter, and the stroke 18 inches. The designed I. H. P. is 1,000 at 300 revolutions per minute, and a working pressure in the boilers of 250 pounds per square inch. The engine will be forward of the boilers, the shaft running between the boilers. There will be two Roberts water tube boilers, placed side by side. Each boiler will be approximately 6 feet 3 inches wide, 9 feet 9 inches long and 6 feet 8 inches high, exclusive of the depth of the ash pan. The latter will probably be built to fit the frames of the vessel. The total grate surface will be 80, and the heating surface about 2,700 square feet. The estimated weight of the two boilers will be about 26,000 pounds.

Mr. Moore had a pair of Roberts boilers in Marietta I, which made 19 miles an hour, and a pair of boilers of the same type in his Mareitta II, for which a speed of 21 miles an hour was claimed. This makes the fourth yacht in which he has used Roberts boilers.

Fire commissioners of Duluth are preparing for the construction of a fire boat They have been examining the Milwaukee fire boat August F. Jansen, which was built by Rieboldt, Wolter & Co.



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The books of the United States treasury department on June 30, 1896, contained the names of 3,333 vessels, of 1,324,067.58 gross tons register in the lake trade. The number of steam vessels of 1,000 gross tons, and over that amount, on the lakes on June 30, 1896, was 383 and their aggregate gross tonnage 711,034.28; the number of vessels of this class owned in all other parts of the country on the same date was 315 and their tonnage 685,204.55, so that more than half of the best steamships in all the United States are owned on the lakes. The classification of the entire lake fleet on June 30, 1896, was as follows:

Steam vessels	Number. 1,792 1,125 416	Gross Tonnage. 924,630.51 354,327.60 45,109.47
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The gross registered tonnage of the vessels built on the lakes during the past six years, according to the reports of the United States commissioner of navigation, is

ollows: Year	ending	June 	30, 1891	204 169 175 106 93 117	111,856 45 45,968,98 99,271,24 41,984.61 36,352,70 108,782,38
	Tot	al		864	444,216.36

SI. MARY S FALLS AND SUEZ CANAL TRAFFIC. (From Official Reports of Canal Officers.)

	St. Mary's Falls Canal.			Suez Canal.		
	1895*	1894	1893	1895	1894	1893
No. vessel passages,	16,806,781 13,110,3		9,849,754	3,434 8,448,383 365	3,352 8,039,175 365	3,341 7,659,068 365

* 1895 figures include traffic of Canadian canal at Sault Ste. Marie, which was about 14 per cent. of the whole, but largely in American vessels.

Some of the Canadian newspapers have been engaged in a controversy over an order in council directing the use in all Canadian waters of the international rules of the road, which have resulted from the various conferences held during several years past by representatives of the leading maritime nations. The Citizen of Ottawa has the correct view of this matter as it relates to the lakes. It is, of course, well understood here that the United States did not intend to have the international code of signals for the prevention of collisions apply in any way to the lakes. The rules governing lake navigation in this regard are contained in the White law, which was passed early in 1895, and which is entirely satisfactory to all lake interests. This law was prepared especially for the lakes when it was found that the international rules could not be applied to the peculiar conditions governing lake navigation. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the Dominion government will take steps immediately to have its rules for lake navigation conform to the special law that has been in force with vessels of the United States on the lakes for two years past. Although the recent order in council has caused a misunderstanding, it is quite certain that the heads of the Canadian marine department may be depended upon to handle this matter in the proper manner. As all owners of lake vessels in the United States are fully satisfied with the White law, and as fully 90 per cent. of the tonnage is owned in the United States, it is quite probable that the Dominion officials will, in view of the necessity of uniform regulations, adopt rules similar to those contained in the White law for their vessels on the lakes.

It is expected that the Canadian Deep Waterways Commission, which is composed of Messrs. Howland, Keefer and Munro, will ask the Dominion government, in its report to be submitted to parliament shortly, for an appropriation of \$15,000, to be used for surveys and examinations of a kind similar to those for which the United States government is about to appropriate \$150,000. The great difference in appropriations for these surveys of ship-canal routes from the lakes to the Atlantic seaboard is due to the fact that work of this kind required in Canada is much less than is required in the United States.

Engineering of London has been devoting several pages each week for several weeks past to a description of the Chicago drainage canal and machinery used in its construction. The illustrations are all of an excellent kind.

Steel Works at the Head of the Lakes.

On the claim that the tendency in the iron industry is to establish manufacturing plants near the ore, O. H. Simonds of Duluth, Minn., advances some very strong arguments in favor of that city as an advantageous point for a steel plant. Mr. Simonds refers to the concentration of the various steps of manufacture under one management, from the mining of the ore to the deliveryof the finished product. He also directs attention to changes in manufacture that have lessened the fuel consumption until the quantity required is little more than one ton of coal converted into coke, per ton of steel, while the ore is a fixed quantity, about two tons per ton of product. On the claim that these changes must eventually result to the advantage of places like Duluth, Mr. Simonds writes Bradstreets as follows:

"Any one who may be looking for an advantageous location will find that, for a steel plant doing a business of 50,000 to 75,000 tons annually, Duluth possesses unusual attractions. I will briefly refer to some of the conditions at that point bearing on this trade. Saint Louis county, Minnesota, of which Duluth is the principal city, contains within its borders the Vermillion range, with an ascertained ore deposit of 100,000,000 tons, and the Mesabi range, with a known deposit of over 300,000,000 tons. The ores of both these ranges pass Duluth on their way to Cleveland and Chicago, and, taken together are of such quality and variety as to make good Bessemer or non-Bessemer pig without other mixtures. Bessemer ores can be unloaded in Duluth at \$1.40 per ton on the present rail tariff of 80 cents, and non-Bessemer at \$1.25 per ton, and under some circumstances, for less money. Limestone from Kelley's island is put on Duluth docks at \$1.20 per ton, as against 80 cents at Cleveland. Assuming coke to leave Connellsville at \$1.40 per ton, it would be \$1.95 at Pittsburgh. \$2.80 at Cleveland, and \$3.50 on the furnace dock in Duluth. The shipment to Duluth is by lake and rail, and full allowance is made for wastage and cost of handling in stating the price. These figures are based on actual transactions, details of which can be produced.

"Whenever the use of retort coke ovens becomes commercially settled in this country, these fuel prices can no doubt be reduced, and, owing to local demand for gas and for tar by works engaged in manufacturing its products for local and western shipment, Duluth will be a specially advantageous point for the operation of such ovens. Ammonia will find a ready market in Detroit. In competition with Chicago the territory between Lake Superior and the Rocky mountains is divided roughly by a line from Duluth to Omaha, which is a common point. To the north of this line freights are more favorable to Duluth, and south of it to Chicago. This territory tributary to Duluth contains 4,000,000 people, and is being rapidly built up and developed. Based on the experience of the past three years the annual demand in this region for plates, structural material, wire, barb wire, wire nails, bars and other coarse iron and steel products is something like 150,000 tons, and the local demand for pig iron is about 30,000 tons annually. Works at Duluth would have an advantage in freights over Chicago of \$1.00 to \$2.00 per ton, and some what more over Pittsburgh. With a business well established this favorable differential could no doubt be increased. With three competitive lines to the Pacific coast no doubt large shipments of wire and wire rod could be made to Everett and other coast points and thence to China and Japan.

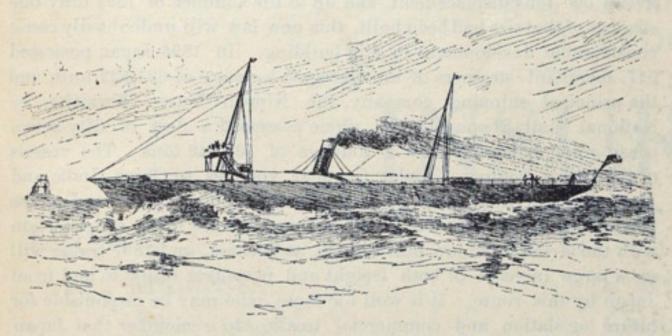
"In organizing a steel plant advantage could be taken of a blast furnace now built with a capacity of 50,000 tons per annum and having around it an ample site for large works, with rail and dockage connections, and also a new steel plant adapted to the manufacturing of steel plate and structural steel. To the above would need to be added a modern open-hearth furnace, with blooming mill for billets, wire-rod mill and wire-drawing works, and nail and barb-wire works. Both Bessemer and non-Bessemer pig iron can be made at a less cost at Duluth than at Chicago, Cleveland or Pittsburg, and when freight on the product from the points named to Duluth is added, its advantage as a place to manufacture goods for western consumption is very marked, and alone amounts to a good profit. If desired, the fee of good mines on the Mesabi range could be purchased on a basis of 3 cents per ton of ore, or leased without bonus for a royalty of 20 cents per ton for Bessemer and 5 cents for non-Bessemer ores. A plant at the head of Lake Superior would embody every modern advantage and improvement, beside having a growing and substantially exclusive market."

The Review has excellent photographs of lake ships.

Turbine Engines in a Torpedo Boat.

English trade journals contain extended accounts of the performance of the Turbinia, a British torpedo boat which recently attained a speed of 29.6 knots over the measured mile and which is driven by a turbine. In dimensions and appearance the vessel is similar to other first class torpedo boats of the British service. She is 100 feet over all and 9 feet beam, and has a displacement of forty-two tons. The Newcastle Chronicle says of the craft:

"One is struck at first glance by the compactness of all her fittings. In a torpedo boat of the ordinary type everything is sacri-



ficed to engine space, and the machinery contributes most largely to the weight, but the engines of the Turbinia weigh only four and a half tons. They are right at the bottom of the vessel, against the skin. The advantages of this are obvious, especially in a war boat. It gives greater steadiness and obviates destruction of the machinery by an unwelcome shot. The total weight of the machinery including the boiler and condensers, is believed to be not more than two-thirds of that of machinery of equal power of the ordinary kind and of the lightest manufacture. There is only one water tube boiler, which has 1,100 square feet of heating surface and 42 square feet of grate surface, with the furnaces fired fore and aft from two closed stokeholds. Forced draft is obtained from a fan driven off the main engine. It is claimed that the turbine engines allow for a total expansion of the steam of 100 fold, instead of sixteen fold, as is usual in triple expansion engines of the ordinary kind, and that in the case of some recent tests of condensing turbine engines of 200 horse power, applied to driving dynamos, a steam consumption of less than 14 pounds per indicated horse power had been recorded, with a boiler pressure of 80 pounds per square inch, and that it was believed in the engines of the Turbinia, developing many times this power, a greater rate of economy than this figure was realized. The boiler pressure in the case of the Turbinia is 225 pounds per square inch, and the pressure at the turbines is 150 pounds. Lightness of machinery will permit of parts being carried in duplicate, which is ,of course, a great advantage.

"Among advantages claimed for this system of propulsion are increased speed, increased carrying power of the vessel, increased economy in steam consumption, increased facilities for navigating shallow waters, reduced initial cost, reduced weight of machinery, reduced cost of attendance on machinery, diminished cost of up-keep of machinery, largely reduced vibration, and reduced size and weight of screw propeller and shafting. The motor is the invention of-Mr. Charles A. Parsons, whose compound steam turbine is well known. Its novelty now is in its application to the propulsion of a vessel. The turbine, in its elementary form, is exceedingly simple, but the engine designed by Mr. Parsons is a complicated and beautiful piece of mechanism. It is, in effect, a series of wheels, fixed and parallel, multiplying thousands of times the driving power of a single wheel. It consists essentially of two parts-first, an outer cylindrical casing, which is fixed, and an inner barrel, which is in effect a broad wheel, in motion, and has the propeller shaft running through it longitudinally. Projecting from the inner surface of the outer casing are parallel sets of fixed vanes, called guiding blades, and from the circumference of the barrel or wheel are sets of blades, the former directing the motion of the steam toward the latter. In order to avoid shock in the diversion of the energy from the guiding blades to the moving blades, and to reduce the residual velocity of the power leaving the wheel, the parallel flow was adopted in the compound steam turbine, in preference to what is known as the outward and inward flow. The guide blades are cut on the internal periphery of brass rings, which are afterwards cut in halves and held in the cylinder by feathers. The moving

blades are cut in the periphery of brass rings, which are afterward threaded and feathered onto the steel shaft and retained there by the end rings, which form nuts screwed onto the spindle. The spindle and its rings rotate together in bearings. Steam is admitted at the inlet, flows to the right of the spindle and passes along to the left, first through the guiding blades, by which it is thrown upon the moving blades. Then it goes on to the next guiding blades, and is by them projected against the corresponding moving blades and so on through the whole series, escaping at the end of the cylinder by an exhaust pipe. In the compound turbine the velocity of the blades is sufficient to secure a very high return of useful effect. Each turbine gives an efficiency of at least 80 per cent. As each turbine discharges without check into the next, the residual energy, after leaving the moving blades, is not lost, as in the case of the water turbine, but continues to the next guiding blades, and is wholly utilized in assisting the flow. A new factor in marine propulsion is introduced by the propeller being driven at the enormous rate of 2,400 revolutions per minute, the highest rate up to the present being about 700 revolutions per minute, thus enabling both the shafting and propeller to be reduced accordingly."

A Ton of Cargo 30 miles on One Pound of Coal.

In view of the attention that has been given of late to the question of adopting artificial systems of draft for lake frieght steamers, it may be interesting to note that some of the best ship building concerns of England, among them Sir Wm. Gray & Co. of West Hartlepool, make reports in English trade journals showing that in several vessels which they have built, the Howden hot draft gives 13 to 14 per cent. more steam per pound of fuel than they were able to secure with natural draft. The Afghanistan, a vessel recently built by this firm and engined at their Central Marine Engine Works, carries 5,700 tons merchant's measurement, or about 4,000 tons dead weight, at 9½ knots on 14 tons of coal per day. If the speed is made 10 knots, a standard for comparison, the result is one pound of coal moving a ton of cargo thirty miles. Dimensions of the vessel are 306 by 43 by 21 feet, and the engines are triple expansion with cylinders 23, 361 and 62 inches diameter by 39 inches stroke, the working boiler pressure being 160 pounds. The builders, who have constructed a large number of vessels of this kind with and without artificial draft appliances, and who have had a great deal of experience with the Howden draft, claim that there is a gain of boiler weight in this vessel of fifty tons, as only one boiler. 15 feet 6 inches diameter by 11 feet 6 inches length is required, as against two that would be required without the draft. They claim also that while reducing the weight there is no curtailment of the efficiency-making proportions of the one boiler, for it gives as much heating surface per foot of fire-grate as it was formerly customary to give to twice that area of grate. There is 2,920 feet of heating surface for 62 square feet of grate. This is in the boiler proper, in addition to the Howden heating surface, which pick up the truant heat of the smoke, 47 square feet of heating surface per foot of grate, or 2 square feet per pound of fuel per hour.

Success attained by this firm of builders in the use of the Howden system is made up largely, it is claimed, by careful attention to the most minute details and by perfect workmanship. All the smokebox doors and the furnace doors are hermetically jointed with asbestos tape. There are valves on the furnace doors for regulating the admission of air above or below the bars in such proportions as to produce the most perfect combustion, as seen by looking through a small pane of mica which is fitted in the door. The side fire-bars are jointed close to the sides of the furnaces to prevent active combustion in contact with the plate which is so productive of pitting. Beneath the boiler there is no water ballast tank in the vessel, because the tops of tanks under boilers deteriorate very rapidly, owing to the heat from the boiler. There are the ordinary floors and strong stringer plates instead.

Edwin H. Whitney, member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, is now the chief engineer of the Marine Machine & Conveyor Co., 111 Broadway, New York. This concern owns patents and is engaged in the manufacture of coal handling machinery, steam stearing gear, capstans, gypseys, steam shovels and other marine machinery. The officers are George F. Mellen, president; Thomas S. Mathewson, vice-president and manager; G. A. Gates, treasurer; John G. Faist, secretary.

How Japan is to Encourage Shipping.

Under the direction of the National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, Robert P. Porter of Cleveland, who was in charge of the last United States census, recently conducted an investigation of the commerce and industries of Japan. Mr. Porter's report, which has just been sent out in pamphlet form from the Philadelphia headquarters of the association, contains a chapter on projected steamship enterprises that is especially interesting at this time, on account of the effort that is being made to have the present congress enact legislation favorable to American shipping. In support of the claim that the United States could do more business with Japan if the facilities for transportation between the two countries were better and cheaper, Mr. Porter directs attention to the fact that in 1895 England sold \$56,000,000 (silver) worth of goods to Japan, but purchased only a trifle over \$7,000,000 (silver) worth of that country. On the other hand, the United States bought in the same year \$54,-000,000 (silver) worth of Japan, and Japan only bought a little over \$2,000,000 (silver) worth of us. As things stand today, he says, it would probably be cheaper or just as cheap for anyone living in the city of Cleveland who had goods to ship from Japan to send them around via England and thence by land from New York to Cleveland, a distance of some 17,000 miles, rather than send them a distance of 4,500 miles across the ocean and thence overland 3,500 miles. But as a result of the new treaty between America and Japan, which goes into effect in 1899, and as a result also of the new Japanese laws for the encouragement and protection of shipping, Mr. Porter thinks these difficulties will be remedied. He gives details of several projects for steamship lines between New York, Philadelphia and Japan and also between San Diego and Japan.

"For fifteen or twenty years past we have had pending in congress," Mr. Porter says, "bills which, had they been passed ten years ago, would have extended our commerce and made us independent of other nations in the foreign carrying trade. The United States may take a lesson from the practical steps which Japan has taken for the development of her merchant marine. The two measures with this end in view, which went into operation in October, 1896, and which continue in force for fifteen years, comprise, first, a navigation bill, and secondly, a ship building bill. They were framed on the same plan as the bill introduced into our congress and urged ten years ago by Senator Cameron of Pennsylvania, and which extended protection both to ship building and ship owning. Both these laws passed the Japanese imperial diet without a single dissenting voice. Both, in my opinion, will prove measures of vast prospective importance in extending the commercial importance of Japan. The first provides that, under certain conditions as to right of requisition by government, carriage of mails, training of apprentices, etc., a subsidy shall be given for the space of five years, from the date of construction, to every iron steamship of over 700 tons burden at the following rates: Twenty-five cents per ton for every 1,000 miles run at a maximum speed of ten knots; an addition of 10 per cent. to be made for every 500 tons increased displacement over 1,000 tons and up to 6,000 tons; and a further addition of 20 per cent. for each additional knot in speed up to seventeen knots; after the lapse of five years a continuing annual reduction

of 5 per cent. in these amounts is to be made. The second provides that a subsidy of \$12 per ton shall be granted to every Japanese subject building in Japan an iron or steel steamship of 700 tons and over but under 1,000, and of \$20 per ton for one of 1,000 tons and over. with an addittional \$5 for each unit of horse power. Both hull and engines must be built under the supervision of the department of communications, and no foreign material is to be used unless specified by that department.

"As there has been up to this time only one private dock yard in Japan of sufficient capacity for the construction of a steamer of over 1,000 tons displacement, and up to the summer of 1895 only one steamer of that size had been built, this new law will undoubtedly cause considerable development in ship building. In 1895 Japan possessed 517 merchant steamers of an aggregate tonnage of 321,522 tons, and the principal shipping company, the Nippon Yusen Kwaisha, or National Mail Steamship Co., alone possessed a fleet of fifty-seven ocean-going steamers with a tonnage of 101,342 tons. The vessels of the latter company make frequent voyages to China, India and Australia, and their lines have been extended to England and across the Pacific to the United States. This line has made a connection with the Great Northern Railway Co. at Tacoma, and 1897 traffic will see a large increase of both freight and passenger traffic to and from Japan by this route. It is well for those who may be responisble for future legislation and commercial treaties to remember that Japan has more inhabitants than all South America; that the Nicaragua canal finds a stronger argument for its construction in facilitating trade with the Orient, and in bringing us nearer the eastern world. than in the increase from trade with South America. In glancing over a statistical abstract, I find that lame as our trade with Japan now is, it is of greater importance than the trade of China, of Portugal, of Russia, of Spain, of Sweden, of Norway, of Switzerland, of Austria-Hungary, of the British West Indies, etc. It is alongside, in economical importance to the United States, of Belgium, Italy and Mexico. With proper facilities it would soon exceed all these nations. It should be today \$100,000,000 (silver), the exports and imports equalizing each other. There is in the Eastern seas nearly \$1,000,000,000 (silver) of trade, a good share of which belongs to the United States. Japan, Korea, China, and Siam aggregate \$725,000,000. To this I have added the trade of the European colonies."

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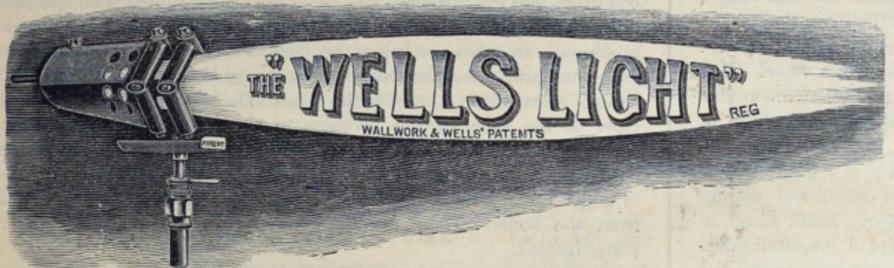
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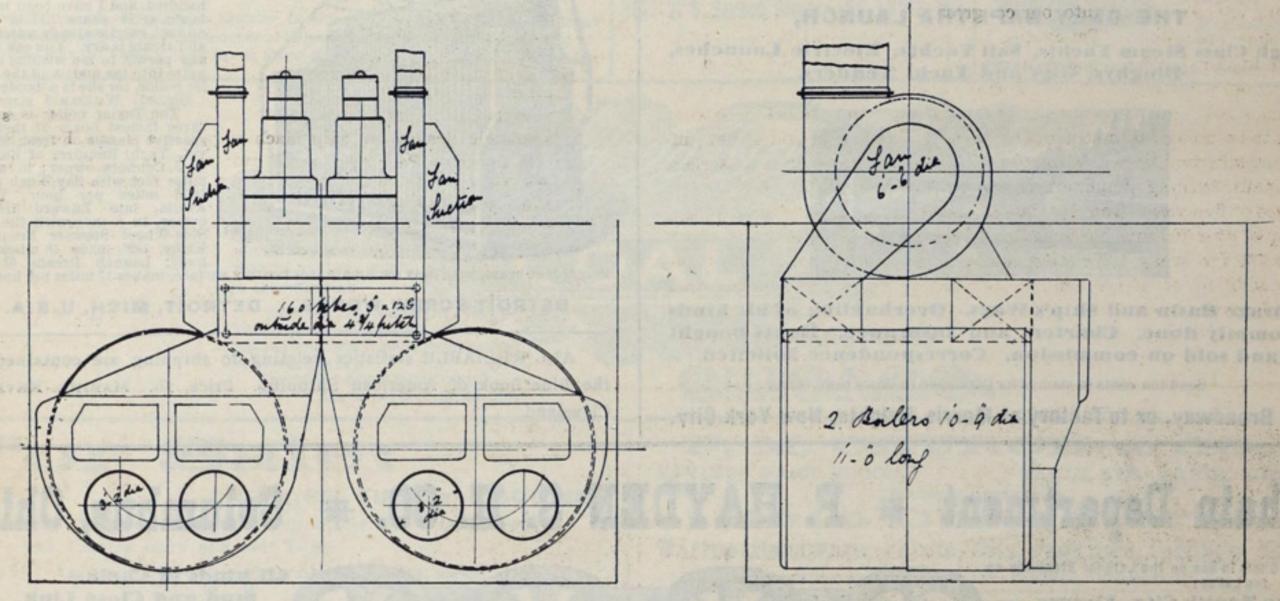
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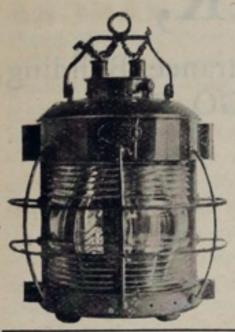
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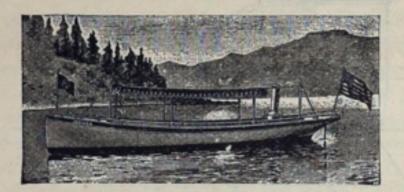
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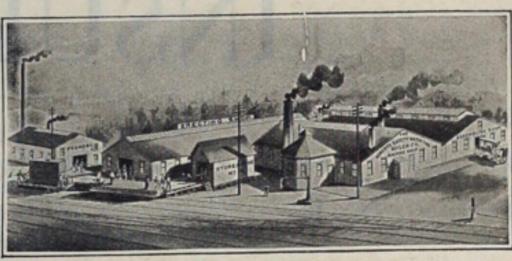
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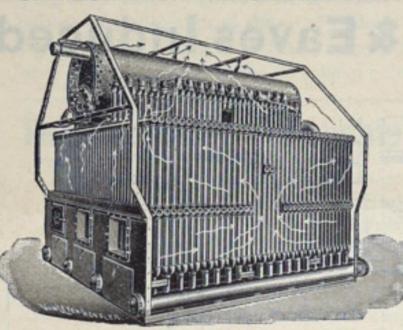
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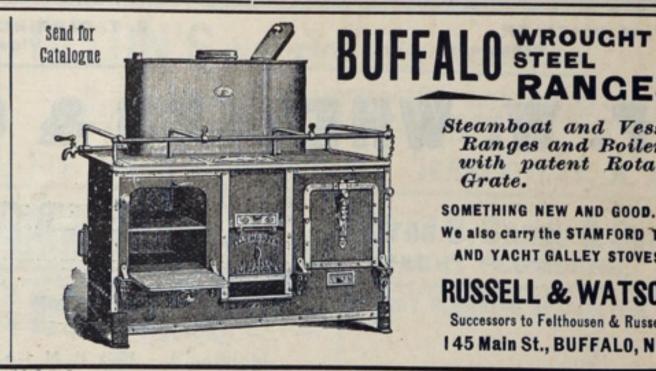
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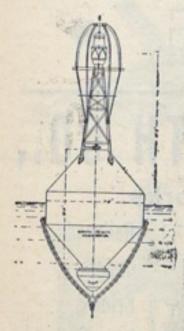
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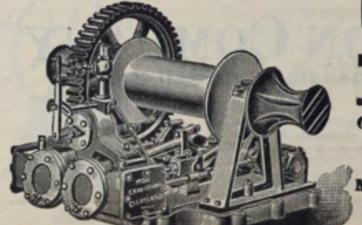
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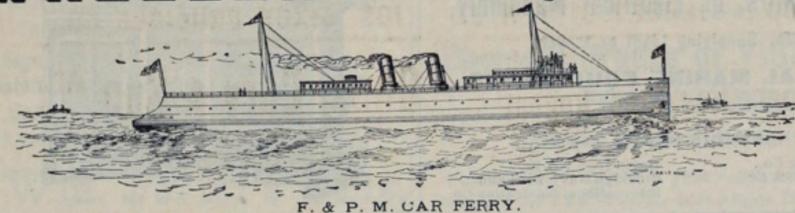
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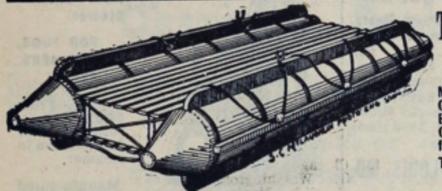
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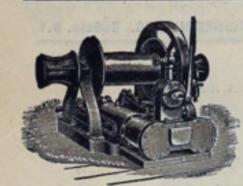
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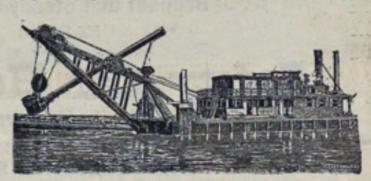
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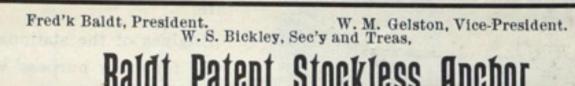
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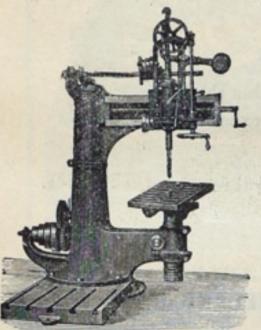
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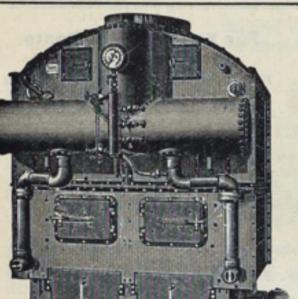


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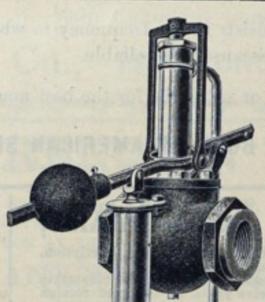
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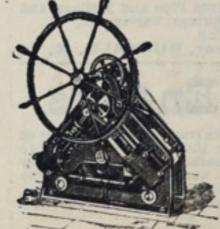
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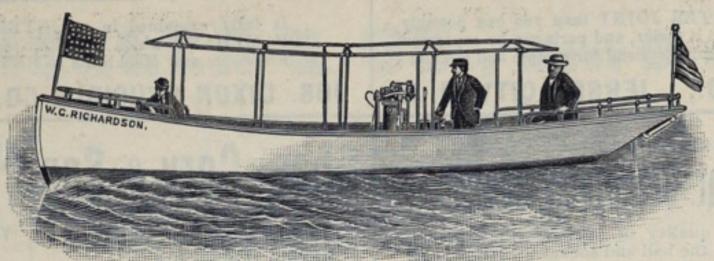


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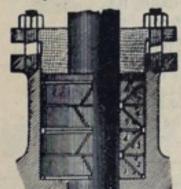
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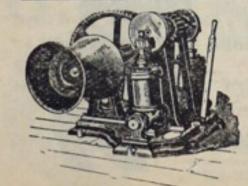
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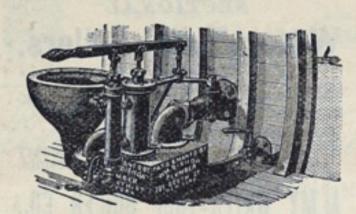
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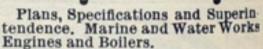
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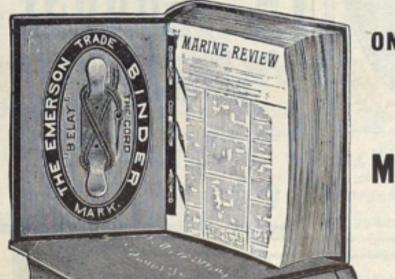




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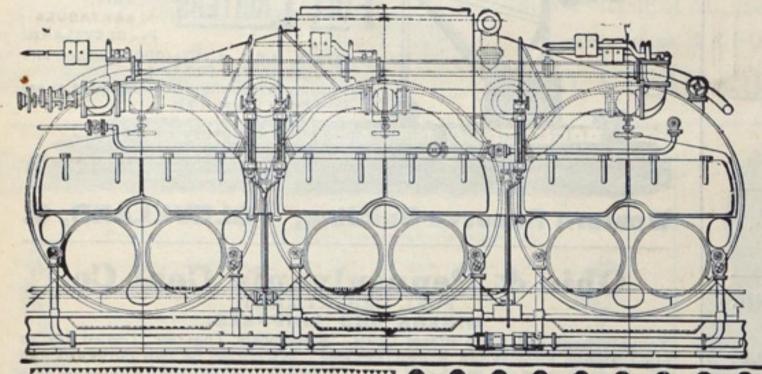
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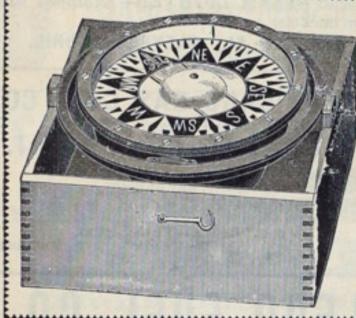
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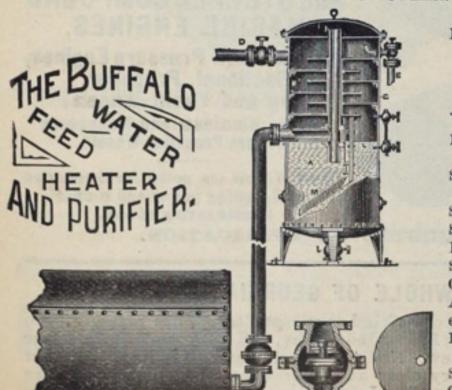
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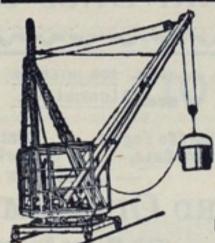
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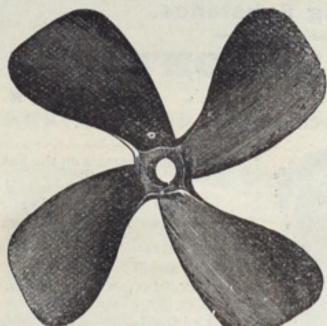
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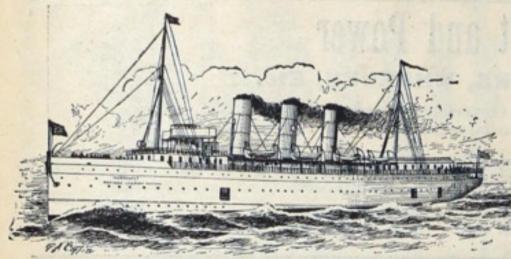
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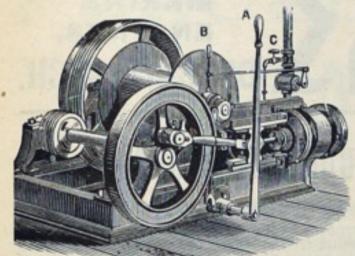
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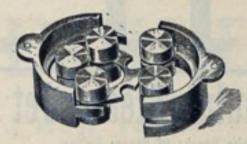
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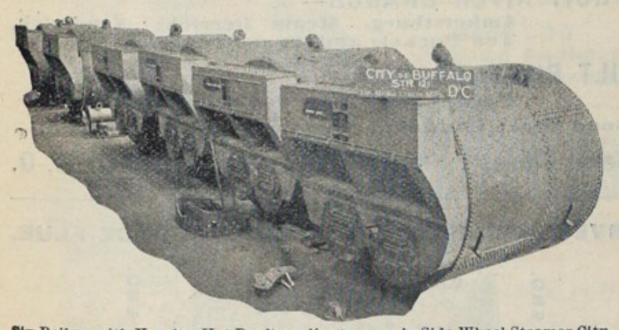
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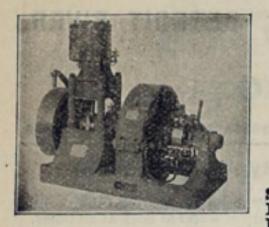
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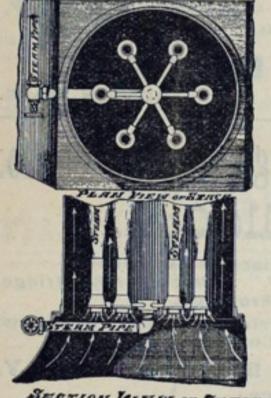
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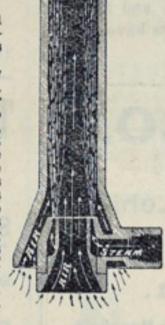
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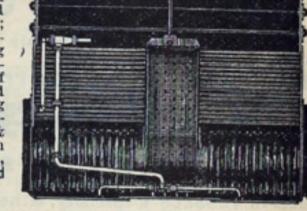


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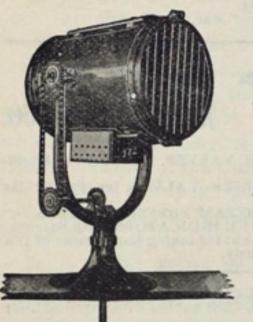


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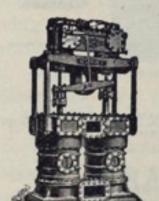


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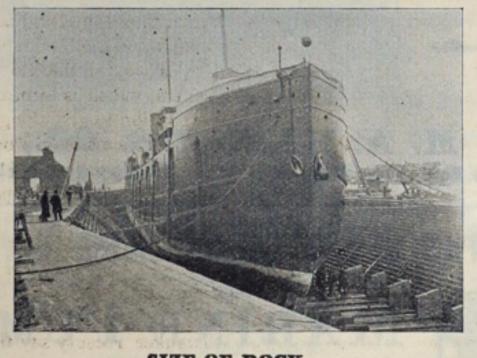
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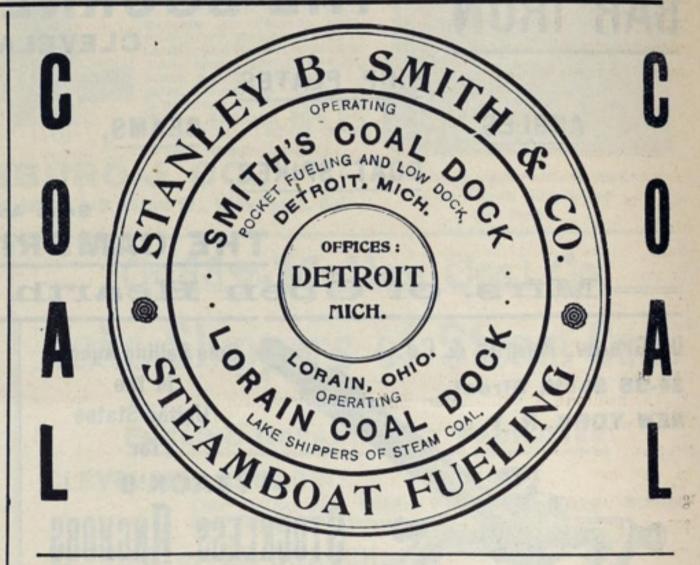
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